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February 18, 2009

The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
2nd Congressional District, New Jersey
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Millville – Phase I Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

On behalf of the citizens of Millville, I am requesting your support for stimulus funds to upgrade the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant is approximately 50 years old and located in South Millville along the Maurice River, of which parts are designated National Wild and Scenic River. The plant serves approximately 10,500 accounts including residential, commercial, industrial, schools and public buildings in the community. Despite being only at half of its average daily flow capacity of 5 million gallons, the facility has struggled to meet the permitted effluent limitations. This is due to the age of the facility and more stringent permit requirements. As a result, the City hired AECOM to complete a comprehensive capacity, treatment process, hydraulic and condition assessment of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. In 2007 a Master Plan Report was completed by AECOM to address, in order of priority, all outstanding deficiencies identified in the previous report.

Funding is being requested for Phase I of the Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrade which is estimated at \$8.4 million and is only a portion of the City overall commitment to upgrading the facility estimated around \$30 million. The funds are being requested for the following reasons:

- The project is designed, permitted and construction ready with the ability to immediately create 80 new full time construction jobs.
- The project represents the City's commitment to the environment and it's future with the modernization of one of its most vital infrastructure components.
- If alternative funds are not found, the impact of Phase I alone would represent a 15% increase to the sewer rate payers.

Thank you for giving the City of Millville Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project – Phase I project consideration for Federal Stimulus Funding. If you need further details or have questions please contact me at 856-825-7000 ext. 7378.

Sincerely,



Mayor James F. Quinn